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# CITY OF DUBLIN TO CELEBRATE "DUBLIN PRIDE WEEK" SEPTEMBER 19 - OCTOBER 24

**DUBLIN, Calif., September 11, 2020** – Dublin Pride Week, the City of Dublin's annual week-long series of events, which promotes volunteerism and environmental awareness, will be held virtually this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event will run for five weeks, from Saturday, September 19, through Saturday, October 24.

Due to the Shelter-In-Place Order, there will be no large Volunteer Day to kick off Dublin Pride Week. Instead, the community can participate in several virtual events that works for their schedule. Opportunities that enable residents to give back to the Dublin community include participation in the <u>City of Dublin's celebration of Coastal Cleanup Day</u> - picking up litter during neighborhood walks throughout the month of September.

The community can support Tri-Valley residents facing food insecurity by donating to one of four local organizations. A link to donate is included on the Dublin Pride Week webpage at <a href="https://dublin.ca.gov/210/Dublin-Pride-Week">https://dublin.ca.gov/210/Dublin-Pride-Week</a>.

Numerous virtual workshops hosted by the City of Dublin and partner organizations will also be provided. See below for a complete list of events:

2020 Events and Activities

The following events and activities will be occurring this year throughout Dublin Pride Week:

# **Dublin Cleanup 2020 – Protect Our New American Backyard**

September

Join the <u>City of Dublin's celebration of Coastal Cleanup Day</u> by picking up litter as you go on your neighborhood walks. Wear gloves, carry a trash bag, and report your cleanup by recording data on the <u>CleanSwell</u> app. Visit <a href="https://www.dublin.ca.gov/993/Coastal-Cleanup-2020">https://www.dublin.ca.gov/993/Coastal-Cleanup-2020</a> for details.

## Virtual Bike Workshops

September and October

Increase your knowledge and comfort in biking for transportation or recreation. Visit <a href="https://bikeeastbay.org/Education">https://bikeeastbay.org/Education</a> for a complete calendar of classes and registration information.

# Make Soup Not Waste - A Virtual Food Waste Prevention Cooking Workshop

September 19, 10:30-12:30 a.m.

Tie on your apron, grab your knife and vegetables, and join Anne-Marie Bonneau, aka the Zero-Waste Chef, as we make soup together with what we find in our refrigerators. No two pots will be the same! Learn additional strategies to prevent food waste in this interactive workshop. Register at <a href="https://make-soup-not-waste.eventbrite.com">https://make-soup-not-waste.eventbrite.com</a>.

#### **Virtual Food Drive**

September 19-October 26

Donate to one of four organizations helping feed Tri-Valley residents who face food insecurity. The need is now greater than ever. Any amount helps! Visit dublinprideweek.com for a link to donate to Alameda County Food Bank, Children's Emergency Food Bank, Open Heart Kitchen, and Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley.

#### Bike to Wherever Day

September 24

Bike to Work Day is back on September 24 as Bike to Wherever Day! Pledge to ride and get your map of (contact-free) energizer stations for the big day; a digital goody bag; and self-guided rides to celebrate. Get all the details: <u>BikeEastBay.org/BTWD</u>

## Workshops on Discounted Solar and Backup Battery Storage Programs

September 24- October 21 (See below for specific dates and times.)

**Resilient Home** 

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), our local community choice energy provider, launched the <u>Resilient Home</u> program to serve its customers in Alameda County. EBCE has partnered with SunRun to provide prenegotiated pricing for rooftop solar, with or without battery storage. Resilient Home offers an additional \$1250 incentive if homeowners enroll their battery with EBCE, sharing power during peak times when there isn't an outage. <u>Sign up today</u> and learn more at upcoming webinars on <u>September 24</u> (6:00 - 7:00 p.m.); <u>September 29</u> (noon - 1:00 p.m.), or September 30 (6:00 - 7:00 p.m.).

#### **Bay Area SunShares**

Bay Area SunShares, open to any Bay Area resident, offers rooftop solar and battery storage options with prenegotiated pricing. Residents must sign up by November 30 to receive apples-to-apples, no-cost bids from up to three, pre-vetted solar companies (Infinity Energy, Skytech Solar, and SunPower by Solar Technologies). SunShares offers solar pricing at about 15% below the average market rate, and a 10% discount for battery storage for new or existing solar systems. Learn more at an upcoming webinar on September 17 (6:00 - 7:00 p.m.), September 23 (9:00 - 10:00 a.m.), September 29 (noon -1:00 p.m.), or October 21 (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.).

## Drive Clean Bay Area Presents National Drive Electric Week

September 26 – October 4

Discover the many benefits of electric cars and e-bikes. Learn about vehicle range, charging, rebates and incentives, programs for income qualified drivers, and the upcoming Drive Clean Bay Area EV Preferred Pricing Campaign. Find consumer resources to help you find the right plug-in car or bike for your budget and lifestyle. Register for an event here: https://drivecleanbayarea.org/ndew/.

#### **Healthy Soils Webinars**

September 26, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., and November 12, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join StopWaste for their <u>Healthy Soils Series</u>, which showcases some of the practices used by StopWaste's local farm partners. The Series includes <u>Healthy Soils</u> and Backyard Composting webinars, and a film screening of <u>Symphony of the Soil</u> followed by a discussion about carbon farming. Register for one or all three!

## **Nature in Our Own Backyard Photo Contest**

Submissions due October 26

Submit your creek, wildlife, and natural park photographs taken in Dublin between April 2019 and October 2020. Winners will receive a gift certificate from Mike's Camera, recognition from the City, and a metal print of their photograph. Learn more about how to submit your photo entries <a href="https://dublin.ca.gov/2098/Nature-in-Our-Backyard-Photography-Conte">https://dublin.ca.gov/2098/Nature-in-Our-Backyard-Photography-Conte</a>.

## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off & Compost Give-Away Day

Saturday, October 24

A detailed flyer describing this event will be mailed to all single-family residences.

#### E-Waste Recycling Drop-Off

Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Recycle your old and broken e-waste responsibly. For a complete list of accepted items visit <a href="https://recycle1234.com/certified-no-cost">https://recycle1234.com/certified-no-cost</a>.

For more information on any of the Dublin Pride events, visit our website at <a href="www.dublinprideweek.com">www.dublinprideweek.com</a>, or contact Rebecca Parnes at <a href="mailto:rebecca.parnes@dublin.ca.gov">mailto:rebecca.parnes@dublin.ca.gov</a>.